



INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Criterion: 7.3.1



DHAKUAKHANA COLLEGE

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Institutional Distinctiveness of Dhakuakhana College

Institutional distinctiveness of Dhakuakhana College is pervasive in the domain of **Alternative Learning**. This aspect of learning ambience is reflective in the endeavor named **Lyceum: An Alternative Learning Centre**. Originating from the Ancient Greek idea and is later seen as a category of educational institution defined within the education system in Europe, 'LYCEUM', is a platform providing an Alternative Learning Centre for the students of Dhakuakhana College. An initiative undertaken by the Department of Political Science, LYCEUM is objectified to think and promote students beyond academics. An arena of lively discussion and debates beyond concretes, this Alternative Learning Centre started on the commemorative occasion of the International Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2020. It was complemented by the performance of a street play which was followed by a lively discussion by eminent personalities.



Inauguration of Lyceum



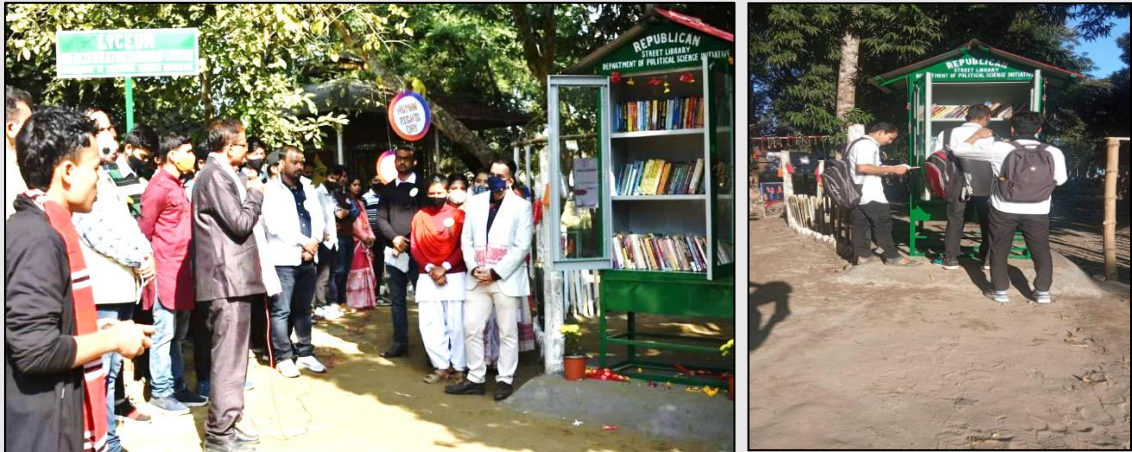
Dr. Pankaj Jyoti Gogoi, Resource Person



LYCEUM: An Alternative Learning Centre

- 'LYCEUM' is an open space learning platform providing a conducive environment for knowledge gathering and sharing through interaction, debates and deliberation.
- An initiative undertaken by the **Department of Political Science**, LYCEUM is objectified to **think and promote students beyond classrooms**.
- It provides space and conducive environment for all the students to engage in recreational and information sharing activities amidst natural surroundings.
- A **Street Library** adorns the gateway to Lyceum which provides students an access to a judicious medley of different books exploring different realms of knowledge.
- This alternative learning centre is beautified by the recycling of plastic bottles and trunks of decrepit coconut trees which were evenly cut to create sitting arrangements providing a more

naturalistic atmosphere to the centre.



Library Inaugurated by the Principal, Dhakuakhana College

- Since the establishment of the centre for alternative learning Lyceum has been striving to disseminate knowledge and learning amidst natural surroundings to inculcate human values among the students.
- Celebration of International Human Rights Day was continued with the same intensity in 2020 as well. As a part of that noble endeavor Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC, Dhakuakhana College celebrated the International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2020 at Lyceum; An Alternate Learning Centre.
- On 10th December, 2021 a thought provoking talk was delivered by **Dr. Kaustabh Deka**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University on the topic, **‘The Human Rights Discourse in North- East India: Persisting Challenges, Emerging Frontiers’**



Dr. Kaustabh Deka, Resource Person of the Program



- A **street play ‘Anye Eek Karagar’** written and directed by Dr. Pankaj Bora, Head of the Department of Political Science was also performed by the students on the occasion. The play portrayed snippets of children’s life from different strata of the society where they are deprived from the basic rights like education, free will and also of love of parents.



- Since its inception Lyceum has been a witness to various talks and discussions held inside its premises. Adhering to this trend A talk on ‘**Understanding Geo-Politics: War in Ukraine**’ was organized at Lyceum, on 15th March, 2022. The resource person invited for the session was Sewak Chandra Chutia, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Dhakuakhana College. He delivered his talk by giving a brief overview of the geopolitical history of Russia and Ukraine and how the ongoing war is contributing towards a new kind of geopolitical complexity in the whole world. He also explained the history of NATO and how it is contributing to the ongoing war. He also mentioned how the present crisis would leave a deeper impact on European energy security as Europe being the traditional consumer of oil and natural gas and the war is already disrupting the supply chain. He also mentioned how the war would lead to an economic crisis in the near future. He also encouraged the students to take interest in the political scenario of the world and read more historical materials for a better understanding.



- A workshop on **Flood and Erosion: Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Adaptability** was organized at Lyceum by **Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Changes and Development, Guwahati** in association with Department of Political Science and IQAC, Dhakuakhana College on 28th April, 2022. The programme was divided into two technical sessions. Amiya Kumar Handique, Retd. Associate Professor, Dhakuakhana College chaired the session and was moderated by Dr. Partha Protim Borthakur. In the First session a panel discussion was held where Indeswar Pegu, Retd. Principal, All Assam Miri HS School, Dr. Debojit Saikia, Principal Majuli College, Majuli and Pithu Borah, renowned social worker gave their insights and shared their experience on the pertinent issue. The second technical session was chaired by Prof. Bhupen Sharma and was moderated by Dr. Pankaj Bora. In this session discussion was further deepened by the presence of Mr. Jatin Saikia, Farmer and Innovator, Director Wild Silk Society, Mr. Dipen Saikia, Social Activist who shared their experience. Presence of In house panelist further lighted the discussion as Mr. Robin B. Pegu, Associate Professor, Department of Botany and Mr.Sewak Ch. Chutia, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, touched the history how flood and erosion has created an havoc in Lakhimpur district specially Dhakuakhana. The programme ended with a promise to enlighten and spread the message of this workshop to the policy makers of the Government. The workshop was actively participated by the students and faculty members, Department of Political Science.



- A visit to LYCEUM was done by Mr. Nitumoni Saikia, Editor in Chief, Pratidin News Channel on 01/12/2022.



- In addition to these, various activities like group discussions, classes related to course curriculum are held periodically on this platform.



Applauding Students Achievement



Scenic beauty of Lyceum



Snaps of Group Discussion at Lyceum